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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (Tedd, KB8NW)

My family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, son Teddy [TJ] and his wife Jesse, daughter Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy Holiday and Season's Greetings". Thanks to the individuals who sent holiday wishes to me and the family. I tried to answer all of them this time around..... 73 and Have a Great Holiday de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th/December, through Sunday, 25th/December there were 207 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a

"BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9 & FR, RODRIGUES AND REUNION ISLANDS

Look for Jean-Marie, F8CHN, to be active as FR5EZ from on Reunion Island this week. His operations will take place between December 30th and January 3rd. He will then leave and go to Rodrigues Island and operate as 3B9/FR5EZ between January 3-11th, before returning to Reunion Island and staying until January 17th. Most of his activity will be on 30 and 17 meters. QSL both operations via F8CHN.

ANTARCTICA NEWS

Horacio, LU4DXU, will operate as **LU4ZS** from **Marambio Base** (IOTA **AN-013**, Antarctica Award LU-03) on Seymour Island from January 3-8th, if everything works out with "logistical transport". More details are forthcoming.

Alan Cheshire, **VP8PJ** (aka VK6CQ, VK0LD, and 9V1DX), is active until around January 30th from **Patriot Hills Base Camp in Ellsworth Land,** Antarctica (80 Deg South 81 Deg West, about 700 miles south of Peter 1st Island). His main activity will be CW on 7003, 10103, 14003; SSB depending on propagation. He was heard this past week on 40 meters between 0200-0330z. Alan mentions to OPDX that he might also activate the nearby unoccupied Chilean camp "Arturo Parodi" as CE9/VP8PJ. QSL via Dominik, DL5EBE. For more info and photos, visit his Web site at:

http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/home.html

C6, BAHAMAS

Bill, KM1E, is active as C6AGN from Green Turtle Cay (**NA-080**), Little Bahama Bank, until March 8, 2006. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

E2/HS, THAILAND (Scout Activity)

Look for special event station E25AJ to be active during the 25th Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree from Hat Yao, Thailand, between now and January 3rd. Activity will be on all bands (no WARC) on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, SSTV and Satellite. More info can be found at:

http://jamboree.siamportals.com

INTERESTING NOTE: The Boy Scouts will have a schedule between E25AJ and the International Space Station, NA1SS, on December 31st. QSL via E21EIC, except for JA stations who should QSL to JR5XPG.

Also, look for following to be active in the Scout Jamboree from Chonburi, Thailand, between now and January 3rd. HF operators include:

E21EIC December 24th, Dec 27-31st (HF Team Leader)
E20PFE December 24-31st
HS0XNO December 27-30th
HS9EQY December 27-30th

HS0EHF December 29-31st
E21YDP December 29-31st

Also, visit the 25th Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree Web site at:

http://www.aprjam25.org

EM10, UKRAINE (Special Event)

To celebrate 1Øth anniversary of the Ukrainian Antarctic station at the Vernadsky Base, look for special event station EM1ØKY (operator Paul, UT1KY/EM1KY) to be active between February 3-12th. QSL Manager is IK1QFM, direct or by the bureau.

ADDED NOTES: Being a special event to celebrate Antarctica, EM1ØKY will be referenced for the World-Wide Antarctic Program (WAP) as WAP-33. The "Academic Vernadsky" (WAP UKR-01) is the first Ukrainian Antarctic station (the UAS) and became the basic place for the Ukrainian researches. The station (the former Faraday Base) was transferred to the Ukrainian Antarctic Center (the UAC), by the British Antarctic Survey (the BAS) on February 7, 1996. It is located on Marina Point, Galindez Island (65°15'S, 64°16'W). This area of high biological productivity is a southern border of distribution and reproduction of the mass birds species (Gentoo Penguins and Adelie Penguins).

For more detailed info, visit the WAP Web site at:

http://www.ddxc.net/wap

HNY 2006 PARTY

Next weekend is the "Happy New Year 2006 Party" sponsored by Polish MK QTC Magazine. An award is available and will be issued for at least twenty QSOs/HRDs conducted on any HF and VHF+ bands from 1800z on December 31st to 1800z on January 1st. For details and a picture of the award, visit the following Web page at:

http://qtc.radio.org.pl/galeria/index.php?gallery=./Happy%20New%20Year%20Party&image=HNY.jpg

IOTA NEWS

AF-032. (Update) Members of the Provins ARS (F6KOP) will be active as 5H1C from Zanzibar Island, January 24th to February 2nd. Their activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and digitals (PSK, RTTY, SSTV ....). It was announced this past week, that the F6KOP members agreed to try to take skeds for 160/80 meters only. Serge, F6AML, will collect the 160/80m requests from now until January 20th (and not after). Send your 160/80m requests, only to:

F6AML@aol.com

Also, put in the subject line of your message, "Sked 5H1C". Please send your request one time and once per band only. This is on a trial basis. Since this is the first time, they ask you for some patience on the bands you requested at your sked time. Also, the local and propagation conditions at the sked time will be taken in consideration, too. They will do their best for each of you.

Thanks to VE3NEA, a tool for propagation forecast has been added on the 5H1C Web page at:

http://5h1c.free.fr/trafic_uk.html

The team will also enter the CQWW 160 Meters CW Contest. Operators mentioned for the DXpedition are: Franck/F4AJQ (SSB), Serge/F6AML (CW/SSB), Pascal/F5JSD (CW/SSB Webmaster), John/ F5VHQ/0E5TGL (SSB), Bernard/F9IE (CW/SSB), Jean Paul/F8BJI (Digit/SSB), Romain/F8BUI(Digi/SSB/CW), Gerard/F2VX (SSB) and Jean-Marc/F8IXZ (CW). QSL via Franck, F5TVG, by the Bureau or direct to: Franck Savoldi, BP 92, 94223 Charenton Cedex, France. More info on the DXpediton can be found on the Web page at:

http://5h1c.free.fr/index.html

AS-015/
AS-058. Rich, PA0RRS, will be active from **Penang Island** (**AS-015**) between December 28th and March 8th. His current plans are to operate as 9M2/PA0RRS, but hopes he will get an official 9M2 callsign. A trip to **Langkawi Island** (**AS-058**) may also be possible. QSL via his home callsign, by the bureau or direct to: Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121 NM Rijen, The Netherlands.

AS-079. Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/JS6 from **Miyako Island** (JIIA AS-079-005) and a few of the islands in the **Miyako Island Group** between December 28th and January 8th. Look for him to be active from Miyakojima City, Okinawa-ken (JCC 4714), from his tourist home between 1100-1500z and 1900-2300z on 160, 80, 40, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters SSB, SSTV, RTTY and CW. Outside of his tourist home, Take will be active between 0200-0700z on 17/6 meters SSB, CW, SSTV, RTTY and FM. During his stay Take plans to activate **Ikema Island** (JIIA AS-079-001) and **Kurima Island** (JIIA AS-079-003) one or two times. He also plans a one trip operation, weather permitting, from **Irabu Island** (JIIA AS-079-002), **Shimoji Island** (JIIA AS-079-007) and **Ogami Island** (JIIA AS-079-006). QSL via his home callsign through the JARL bureau only.

EU-047. Sven, DD6VSF, will be active from **Norderney Island** (GIA/DID N-05 for the German Islands Award, Lighthouse WLOTA LH-1621) between December 26th and January 5th. He will sign DD6VSF/p. His activity will be limited because he will be on holiday. Operations will be on 40-10 meterss, the WARC bands included, CW only. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

NA-093. A group of Cuban operators plan to activate **Cayo Jutias Island** during the last week on January. Each operator will use their own callsign and sign homecall/1. Operators mentioned so far are: CO2WL, CO3CJ, CO3JN, CO3LF and CO3VK. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters CW/SSB and possibly some PSK and the other bands. They expected this to be a very hard and difficult DXpedition because there are no facilities on this island. QSL via IZ8EBI. The Cuban group is looking for donations and sponsors to help support this DXpedition. For more information, visit the following Web page at:

http://xoomer.virgilio.it/iz8_ebi/

SA-023. Cris, PY7GK, plans to be active **Itaparica Island** (DIB 15 for the Brazilian Islands Award), December 27-30th. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters, maybe 40 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign **(QRZ.com)**.

KH6, HAWAII

John, N7ON, will be active from here between December 25-29th. Activity may be limited because he is vacationing on **Kauai Island** (**OC-019**, USI HI-003S, Kauai county). Look for him on 40/30/20 meters CW only. This activity will also count for the **Kauai Island Lighthouse** (WLOTA LH-1761). QSL via his home callsign **(QRZ.com)**.

LZ13, BULGARIA (Special Event)

Look for special event station LZ13ARDF to be active between January 1st through December 31st, 2006. Activity is to celebrate the upcoming 13th ARDF World Championships. which will be held September 12-17th, in Primorsko, Bulgaria. Operations will be on all bands and modes. QSL via LZ1KZA: P.O. Box 36, Karlovo, 4300 BULGARIA. Also, visit the following Web page:

http://www.qrz.com/lz13ardf

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2006

At its annual meeting on December 16th, the Carolina DX Association elected its officers for 2006. Those elected were:

President:	Ted Goldthorpe,	W4VHF
Vice President:	Thomas Wright,	N4HN
Secretary/Treasurer:	Cliff Wagoner,	W3ZL
Editor:	John Scott,	K8YC
Cluster Manager:	Joe Simpkins,	K4MD
Assoc. Cluster Manager:	Paul Sturpe,	W3GQ
Webmaster:	Wayne Setzer,	WB4BXW

A new position of Contest Manager was named starting for 2006. The first incumbent in this new position will be Dick Williams, W3OA.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Vincenzo, IZ0FKE, will be active later this week as OH0/IZ0FKE, which he informs OPDX is the last leg of this "Microlite Baltic Tour (IOTA EU-002 **Aland Islands** - He calls it the 'Winter side of Dxing..')." He will guest Op at the Alandia Club Station from December 31st to January 4th. He also states/mentions to OPDX "to send New Year wishes to ham community from the frozen Baltic Sea (SSB Low Bands only)." His activities are supported by Strange Radio Team, Alandia Contest Team and Peter, OH0JFB. For QSL cards, the QSL Manager is Alberto, IZ0FMA (direct - bureau to ARI ROMA.001 - eQSL and LoTW 100%). Also, look for "Live Media" at:

http://www.iz0fke.com

For more info, also visit:

http://www.strangeradioteam.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS

ANOTHER REMINDER. Stateside Dxers should remember that U.S. postage rates will increase on January 8, 2006.

ADDED NOTE: Joe, W4TV, also wants to remind OPDX readers that FOREIGN postage rates

will also increase. New rates:

Postcards:	1 Oz. letter:
Canada and Mexico - $0.55	Canada and Mexico - $0.63
Rest of the world - $0.75	Rest of the world - $0.84

It won't effect those DX stations who send a USD or Euro, but it will be important to those who use U.S. postage. It will also cut into the "extra" that often pays for the cards, envelopes, labels, ink, etc. for the QSL manager.

3C2MV QSL INFO
Gerry, VE6LB/VA6XDX, informs OPDX that he has received the late **VE6JO's 3C2MV** logs from his widow. These have been uploaded to the LoTW on December 21s for those who need an immediate confirmation. Vitality's, VE6JO logs, will be obtained in the New Year. Direct and bureau cards for 3C2MV and VE6JO (and special PXs) will be processed and sent out early in the New Year.

LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Gerry reports (Dec. 24th),

> "All of the outstanding DIRECT 3C2MV QSLs have been sent as of today. If you haven't received your direct card in a few weeks, we didn't get yours or it has been lost in the return mail. You can either re-submit, use LoTW or send one via the Bureau. I have started working on the Bureau cards, and they will be sent out over the next few months."

Reports indicated that **KH6ND/KH5** QSLs are being received.

VK9CG/VK9XG QSL UPDATE. Charlie, W0YG, informs OPDX that he has been receiving VK9XG QSLs in the mail, but doubts he will be able to send all requests out before he leaves on a trip on January 3rd and will not return until the end of January. With the postage to increase on January 8th, Charlie states,

> "This means many envelopes will not have the proper postage. I don't mind subsidizing my trips, but I do mind subsidizing other's postage on top of trip expenses." He also states that he does not have the VK9CG cards on hand as they were not ordered until he returned from Cocos-Keeling. Charlie states, "They have been mailed via surface mail from Europe but that generally takes a couple of months to get here. The same applies for postage for VK9CG. Many did not send in appropriate postage. I would like to remind all who need these two DX locations confirmed that I do not use the bureau. I do not keep funds on deposit there as again, I don't want to pay bureau user's postage to receive their card. Therefore, all requests must come direct with appropriate postage, NEW IRC or 1 USD to insure a QSL card. Otherwise, it is a dead issue."

SILENT KEY

It is with great sadness to report former Northern Ohio DX Assoication (NODXA) President, **Ray Brown, W8BIN**, became a Silent Key (SK) on December 22nd. Ray was a dedicated NODXA member and was club president during the late 1980's. The NODXA membership will

miss his presence during club events and input at club meetings. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Ray's friends and family.

SPECIAL EVENT (Lighthouse)

Look for special event station LR3DX to be active now through January 6th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Recalada Lighthouse (ARG 009). Activity will be on all bands 80-2 meters, CW/SSB and the digital modes. A special 3-contact awards is available by working LR3DX and three Bahia Blanca DX Group (BBDX) members. For more details, please contact Emmanuel Siebert, LU9ESD, BBDX Group Internet-Manager, at:

lu9esd@speedy.com.ar

SPECIAL EVENT (Update)

It seems that more than two special event stations will be active between December 26th and January 15th, to celebrate the first launch of Kazakhstan's "KazSat" broadcasting satellite. Activity will be on all modes and bands (including the WARC bands, 2m and 70cm). RW6HS will be the QSL Manager for all the following stations:

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UP1SAT (operated by UN7ED)        UP4SAT (operated by UN7BD)
UP2SAT (operated by UN0LL)        UP5SAT (operated by UN7BM)
UP3SAT (operated by UN7BF)        UP0SAT (operated by UN0B)
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T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI

The Finnish operators who were going to return to the Pacific and operate from Tarawa (**OC-017**), West Kiribati, January 5-22nd (see **OPDX.738**), seem to have put their trip on hold. The only plane that services the island has been seized by Export-Import Bank of America in a court ruling and all flights have been cancelled. Reports are that more details will be forthcoming on December 29th. For more details and updates, please visit the Web site at:

http://www.ohpacificdx.com

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Steve, G4OHX, will be active from Antigua between December 31st and January 13th. He has not been issued a callsign yet but has requested V25OHX. His activity will be limited because he is on holiday but hopes to be on 30/20/17 meters.

V6, MICRONESIA

Nao, JK1FNL, is expected to be active this week as V63O from Pohnpei (**OC-010**), December 28-31st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JK1FNL, direct or by the bureau.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS

Kaoru, JA3MCA, a member of Yamato ARC, will be active from Majuro, Marshall Islands, from December 29th to January 2nd. Callsign will be V73Z and operations will be on 80-10 meters SSB and CW. QSL via JA3MCA.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER ****

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Help: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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